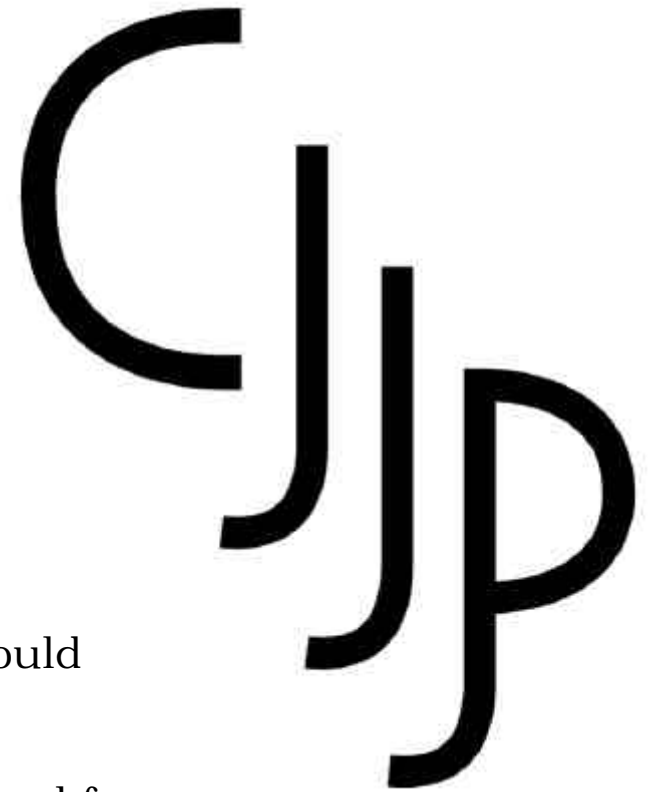


# COLORADO JEWS CALL FOR A TWO-STATE SOLUTION IN THE MIDDLE EAST



The ongoing violence in the Middle East threatens not only the lives and futures of Israelis and Palestinians, but U.S. national security as well.

As American Jews, we feel it is especially urgent to call upon Israelis and Palestinians, the U.S. government, and the international community to bring an end to the ongoing violence. Resolution of the conflict must be founded on the principles that Israeli and Palestinian lives are equally precious, that the primary and immediate motive must be to alleviate suffering, and that the Israeli and Palestinian peoples have equal rights to national self-determination and to live in peace and security.

Steps to peace should include:

- 1) Israel's withdrawal from the Occupied Territories, including evacuation of the settlements;
- 2) the establishment of a sovereign, territorially viable Palestinian state, and
- 3) international security guarantees for both states.

We believe that a negotiated settlement based on these principles would create a lasting, fair, and secure peace for both peoples, and we urge our political representatives to bring pressure on both sides to engage in immediate negotiations to achieve this end.

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